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POLAND: Glemp Urges Moderation

Archbishop Glemp seems intent on discouraging participation in nationwide strikes or demonstrations that Solidarity has called for next Wednesday, but he is unlikely to head off all protests or to dissuade the regime from using harsh measures.

Glemp on Thursday implicitly agreed to meet with Premier Jaruzelski before Wednesday. Last week in Rome the Archbishop publicly opposed the strikes and told [redacted] that they could lead to violence.

Some Church officials, however, do not anticipate much trouble. One [redacted] expects only minor work stoppages. He said that the possibility of large demonstrations was considerably less than before 31 August, the most recent day of protests called by Solidarity.

According to some senior Church officials, new government-organized trade unions are a farce. Glemp and others see no alternative, however, and reportedly believe that workers eventually may have to be urged to join them.

Comment: Glemp probably believes that the Church, as the only true representative of the people, has to reestablish official contacts. He might see his meeting with Jaruzelski as a way of urging moderation. In addition, he may believe that this is the time to press for an official public commitment to a timetable for a papal visit.

The meeting would be of even greater benefit to the regime. Official media would emphasize that the Church and government are working together to keep peace, and the authorities would hope an announcement of the Pope's visit, probably for next June, would calm some emotions. The authorities also might hope the meeting would cause more friction in the Church, where there has been criticism of Glemp's failure to take a tougher stand against the regime.

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